

24 March 1970

MEMORANDUM FOR: General Cushman

SUBJECT: Status of [] Proposal for Another Study
of the Early Warning System

1. Last summer you asked [] to propose additional studies of the early warning system which might usefully be undertaken. [] submitted two or three proposals in writing, which [] referred to the Strategic Warning Working Group (SWWG) for comment. The SWWG expressed the opinion that none of the projects proposed [] was really worth pursuing, since the problems and possible solutions were already well known to the Community.

2. The Agency told [] that it did not believe that it would be useful to commission any new studies at that time. It was decided to defer any decision until you assumed chairmanship of the Watch Committee and had an opportunity to judge whether you considered additional [] studies would be useful.

3. [] is hungry and looking for business. It is pressing for a decision on whether the Agency wants a follow-on early warning study. (The first [] study cost \$86,000. It was prepared by people who were new to the indications business and the SWWG felt it was naive and not very useful.)

4. I recommend that you discuss your impressions of the Watch/Indications setup with Jack Smith and his people who support you on this matter. After giving him your views, I suggest that you ask him to give you recommendations regarding the need for additional [] studies of the Warning System. After reaching your decision you could inform John Bross who will pass the word to []

NOTE: This will provide an opportunity to discuss with Jack Smith any problems you may have with support on Watch Committee matters.

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